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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 9856 ACTION SECSTATE JULY 09.
QUOTE S E C R E T MOSCOW 9856

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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PMIL,UR, US
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS WITH USTINOV AND OTHER HIGH SOVIET OFFICIALS

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1. DURING MY JULY 8 CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST (SEPTEL) I TOOK THE OCCASION TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF CALLS ON USTINOV AND OTHER HIGH SOVIET OFFICIALS.

2. I OPENED BY STATING THAT I WAS GRATEFUL TO HAVE MET AT LENGTH WITH BREZHNEV. (DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO INTERJECTED TO QUIP THAT WITH MY PRESENCE AT
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BREZHNEV'S JULY 8 RECEPTION OF DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION I HAD MET HIM TWICE IN ONE WEEK, "JUST LIKE DOBRYIN MET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.") I SAID THAT AS KUZNETSOV KNEW, DOBRYNIN HAS FREQUENT PROMPT ACCESS TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SECRETAY OF DEFENSE. WE BELIEVED THAT SUCH ACCESS BY AMBASSADORS

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WAS USEFUL IN MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. I THEN SAID I NEEDED KUZNETSOV'S HELP. I WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVER PERSONALLY A LETTER TO MARSHAL USTINOV FROM HIS COUNTERPART SECRETARY BROWN. SINCE JUNE 3 I HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET AN APPOINTMENT BUT MY STAFF HAD RECENTLY BEEN TOLD THAT USTINOV WOULD BE TERRIBLY BUSY FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS AND THEREFORE UNABLE TO SEE ME. IT WAS VERY HARD TO BELIEVE THAT USTINOV HAD NO TIME TO SEE ME FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND I HOPED THAT KUZNETSOV WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO FACILITATE THE CALL.

4. I THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT AT THE SAME TIME I WAS SEEKING HIS AID IN FACILITATING SEVERAL OTHER APPOINTMENTS. MY STAFF HAD ALREADY WRITTEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ABOUT MY DESIRE TO CALL ON THE MAYOR OF MOSCOW PROMYSLOV SO THAT WE COULD DISCUSS AN EXCHANGE OF MAYORS, AND ON UKRAINIAN FIRST SECRETARY SHCHERBITSKY DURING MY JULY 26 VISIT TO KIEV. IN ADDITION I WISHED TO CALL ON PREMIER KOSYGIN, DEPUTY PREMIER MAZUROV, DEPUTY PREMIER TIKHONOV AND CERTAIN PARTY LEADERS SUCH AS SUSLOV, KIRILENKO AND KULIKOV. I CLOSED BY EMPHASIZING THAT MY REMARKS DID NOT

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CONSTITUTE A COMPLAINT BUT RATHER A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE SINCE MY GOVERNMENT FEELS STRONGLY THAT I SHOULD HAVE THE SAME KIND OF ACCESS THAT DOBRYNIN DOES.

5. KUZNETSOV SAID HE WELL UNDERSTOOD MY POINT THAT AMBASSADORS SHOULD HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS "SO AS TO EXPAND COOPERATION AND STRENGTHEN CONTACTS." I SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE ASSURANCES ON THE SPOT THAT ALL THOSE I HAD MENTIONED WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE ME IMMEDIATELY. HOWEVER, "WE WILL NOTE YOUR REQUESTS AND DO WHAT WE CAN. WE CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING DEFINITE BUT WE'LL TRY."

6. COMMENT: MY STAFF WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A LETTER TO MFA REFERRING TO THIS CONVERSATION AND REQUESTING FACILITATION OF APPOINTMENTS. I NOW RECOMMEND THAT WE WAIT UNTIL MID-AUGUST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH USTINOV. IF THE SOVIETS FAIL TO SET ONE UP BY THEN, NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERVENTION WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND MY REQUEST TO KUZNETSOV, THEN I RECOMMEND THAT WE SHELVE THE INVITATION TO OGARKOV

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AND BY ONE MEANS OR ANOTHER LET THE SOVIETS KNOW THAT
WE HAVE DONE SO AND WHY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE
SOVIETS KNOW THAT SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER CONTAINS
AN INVITATION TO OGARKOV. IF THEY ARE UNWILLING TO
GIVE ME THE ACCESS TO DELIVER IT PERSONALLY TO USTINOV,
THEN THEY SHOULD PAY THE PRICE.
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